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Beginning
to Look
a Lot Like...”*



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Bravo, Professor Kagan!

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STAFF WRITER

The first frost is upon us, and with it comes the fall semester’s play. This year, Professor Kagan directed *One Man, Two Guvnors*, a British play based on the Italian *The Servant of Two Masters*. Despite suffering from a stroke this past summer, Professor Kagan rose to the occasion of directing this semester’s play. The play was fun and lighthearted, filled with interesting characters that you could not take your eyes off.

The play focuses on Francis Henshall, the personal butler to two different governors. His antics focus on sim-

ply getting a hot meal, a near impossibility with two masters. The governors, Stanley Stubbers and Rachel Crabbe, are separated lovers on the run after Stanley has killed Rachel’s brother Roscoe in a knife

cis is in love with Charlie’s bookkeeper Dolly. The spiderweb of connections between characters keeps the play interesting, with every scene presenting a new opportunity for Francis to cause more chaos.

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fight. Roscoe, whom Rachel impersonates, is engaged to Pauline Clench, the daughter of former mobster Charlie “The Duck” Clench. Charlie is bent on marrying his daughter to Roscoe to keep her away from Alan Dangle, an extravagant actor who is in love with her. To top it off, Fran-

The cast featured this year’s batch of theater freshmen, whose styles were a welcome addition. Cooper Boyles, portraying Francis, made full use of his physique to accentuate his clumsy moves around the stage. Off-stage, Victoria Fenton is a smart brunette; but on stage,

as Pauline, she made a convincing silly blonde. Robert McVey, a Sophomore, was a particularly fun addition as Lloyd Boateng. Hearing the young Sophomore’s adept Jamaican accent was surprising at first, given his skin tone, and ended up being one of the highlights of the play. His voice and presence both were impressive on stage, keeping up his Jamaican vibe throughout the play.

The freshmen who debuted will hopefully continue to act at Hampden-Sydney and let us watch them grow. Above all, this play was a testament to Professor Kagan’s will to continue, even in the face of adversity.



Saving Turtles: H-SC Recycles

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STAFF WRITER

As students may have noticed these past two weeks, there are new recycling bins in the academic buildings on campus. These new bins are part of a new recycling program that has been spearheaded in part by Scott Schmolesky but owes just as much momentum to students as to faculty and staff.

While there have been such programs in the past, they have fallen by the wayside for

of sustainability on campus where recycling is no longer a need as well as reducing, if not eliminating, the need for single-use plastics, such as non-reusable plastic water bottles.

Another potential avenue for reducing the number of single-use plastics would be to increase the usage of multi-use plastics, such as reusable plastic water bottles. One such way to increase usage of these bottles would be to encourage the students to use multi-use bottles rather

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various reasons. Such a demise does not appear to be in the future of this program, since there are plans to apply for a PepsiCo grant which could give up to \$10,000 to the college for the purpose of sustaining and furthering this program. The grant could be used to purchase additional recycling bins or even hybrid water fountains where one can fill one’s water bottle as well as drink.

The two overarching goals of this program are to reach a point

than single-use bottles.

Rather than having the students purchase these bottles in the campus bookstore they could be given away at events, much like the free shirts at some home basketball games. This is not much more than an idea in the way that there are no solid plans whatsoever to start giving away these bottles.

Yet as the recycling plan grows and cements itself on campus, students could

Coach Kimbrough Leads Basketball Team in New Direction; Tigers have 3-5 Record



Freshman Ryan Clements scored 19 points Saturday.

Courtesy: hscathletics.com

DALLAS ROBINSON '22
GUEST WRITER

“Excitement and hope,” Hampden-Sydney Athletic Director Chad Eisele said, is what he thinks the new Hampden-Sydney Basketball Head Coach Caleb Kimbrough brings. With the new change in head coach, there is hope that the Hampden-Sydney basketball team can

begin to move in a positive direction after last season’s disappointing 4-19 record. Junior basketball player Chase Overton

a player on the team, says that he “likes the fact that he cares about the team, getting to know one another, and becoming brothers.”

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says that he is excited about “the new opportunities and energy that he brings.” Sophomore Omega Weaver,

Eisele discussed his expectations for the upcoming season, saying he hopes to see “positive momentum, excitement

from the players,” and that “an ODAC title is unlikely this year” but he wants the new Head Coach Caleb Kimbrough ‘to establish himself with the team and [establish] his own expectations” and for the next five years “to move up the ranks and hopefully be back on top of the ODAC,” and ended by saying, “it

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OPINIONS

Cheat Codes for Finals

	Monday Dec 9	Tuesday Dec 10	Wednesday Dec 11	Thursday Dec 12	Friday Dec 13	Saturday Dec 14
9-12:00	Rhetoric Editing Exam	11:30 MWF	Study Day	10:00 TR	8:30 MWF 1:30 MW(F)	8:30 TR
2-5:00	9:30 MWF	2:30 MW(F)	Study Day	12:30 TR	10:30 MWF	12:30 MWF
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For the freshmen here on campus, these coming finals will be the very first. Although finals can be intimidating, I've put together a list of a few tips and tricks to surviving finals week:

1. Moans Midnight Snacks – Any seasoned veteran of Hampden-Sydney will readily tell you that the midnight snacks served at the Moans are the key to surviving finals week. But be careful! Remember that Tuesday night will not have a midnight snack since Wednesday is a study day. You don't want to stand outside the Moans on Tuesday night

looking like a rookie.

2. Spend the Rest of Your Friends' Tiger Dollars – If you have made it this far in

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the semester without using up all your Tiger Dollars, then props to you. For those of us who have not saved any Tiger Dollars for this finals week, however, be prepared to drag your wealthier friends to the TI so that they can treat you to a late-night quesadilla with mozzarella sticks.

3. Get More Than Enough Sleep –

really that important? It's the holiday season, so please try to be respectful of your fellow Tigers during this time of year (unless it really is that important to make coffee and a hot pocket at 3 A.M.).

5. Don't Eat at the Moans before Taking an Exam – Especially if you have a nervous stomach, eating at the Moans before taking

“If you are at all concerned about getting through this semester without having to apply to McDonalds, the Office of Academic Success will help.”

an exam can quickly turn into a catastrophe.

6. Race Shopping Carts across the

Lawn of Venable – Trust me, freshmen. It's a Hampden-Sydney tradition you won't want to miss out on.

7. If You Have Not Been Showing Up to Classes, Start Applying for McDonald's Now – That way, your application can be finished up before the semester ends!

8. Be on the Lookout for Free Coffee and Cookies in Bortz – In past semesters Thompson Hospitality has graciously

placed free coffee and cookies in Bortz, and I for one survived off of those for at least a few days last semester.

9. Go to the Counseling Center – I'm not saying that you need it, but where else in life are you going to find free counseling? Plus, if you're willingly going to an all-male school, then something MUST be wrong with you.

10. Office of Academic Success – I can't recommend this enough. If you are at all concerned about getting through this semester without having to apply to McDonald's, the Office of Academic Success will help make sure you get through just fine.

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Poll Reveals Students Unhappy with Dorm Conditions

DALLAS ROBINSON '21
GUEST WRITER

With the new dorm being built on campus, where does that leave the current dorms? A poll of 50 students was taken to see what students thought of the current conditions of the dorms. 52% said the dorms were poor, 34% said they were fair and only 14% said they were good (see chart).

Some of the biggest issues relayed about the dorms are bugs, mold, a/c, and heating.

Hampden-Sydney is a school that has been around for a long time and many of the buildings have been around for over 100 years.

With good reason, consistency with the buildings and grounds workers is also much talked of; some say they are “quick to come to fix any problems” as stated by Stephen Cash

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many do not understand why more renovations have not been made to the dorms or why newer dorms have not been built. The in-

since I first moved in and still have not had anyone come fix it.”

Mold is one of the biggest issues in just about all of the dorms. Cash said that “the vents in White House need to be fixed; the mold was bad last year.” Many complain about mold always being in the showers and never cleaned, or being inside and on top of the a/c units, and that it constantly makes people sick. Bugs are also an issue, whether water

Code of Conduct Violations

Wk 13: Nov 16-22

11/22/19: A student was sanctioned for underage possession of alcohol and illegal contraband in his dorm room. His sanctions: Reprimand for three semesters and Substance Education courses.

11/22/19: A student was sanctioned for underage drinking and intoxication. His sanctions: Reprimand for two semesters and Substance Education courses.

11/22/19: A student was sanctioned for a drug violation. His sanctions: reprimand for three semesters and Substance Education courses.

11/22/19: A student was sanctioned for underage drinking, intoxication, and vandalism. His sanctions: Disciplinary Probation for four semesters, 20 hours of community service, Restitution of \$50, and Substance Education courses.

11/22/19: Two students were sanctioned for a drug violation. Their sanctions: Disciplinary Probation for two semesters, 15 hours of community service, and Substance Education courses.

11/22/19: A student was sanctioned for an illicit room change, underage drinking, becoming highly intoxicated, and a drug violation. His sanctions: Disciplinary Probation for three semesters, 20 hours of community service, fine of \$300, Substance Education courses, and meeting with a dean.

11/24/19: A student was charged for infraction of the Honor Code, Section II, B, 4 Plagiarism. He pleaded Guilty and was found Guilty and rendered one semester Suspension—Fall 2019.



The Argument for Off-Campus Housing



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As Hampden-Sydney men progress from one school year to the next, they are afforded greater independence and responsibility than in each of their previous semesters. This means that each year, students eagerly await their new housing assignments. Upperclassmen are offered more spacious living arrangements in the Blakes or Alphabet apartments, but a very

popular option, and even a favorite, is to live off-campus. While a comparatively small number of students are allowed to reside out-

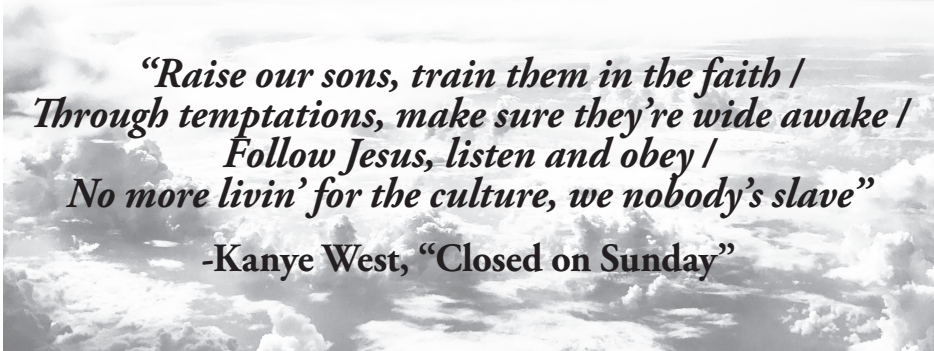
“The school has begun to drastically reduce the number of off-campus residents.”

side the campus limits, most would jump at the opportunity to secure a spot at Sagebrook, the Worsham

Lofts, or any number of the houses traditionally passed down from student to student as the years go by.

However, the school has begun to drastically reduce the number of off-campus residents. Recently, ground was broken behind the Whitehouse dorms, and construction began on new upperclassmen housing, most likely to facilitate a potential transition from the off-cam-

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In Heaven with Kanye West

WADE BREDIN '20
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I believe Kanye West. After listening to his new album “Jesus is King,” I am convinced that he has been born again following a supernatural experience of God. West’s lyrics reveal a deep appreciation of the Christian faith and the Bible. Although he has faced criticism for his newfound beliefs, I believe that West is forging a new cultural path for himself and other rappers who wish to go beyond the industry’s stereotypical standards

of drugs and violence. I do not live with Kanye West, nor do I know him in real life. It is impossible for me to judge him from afar in this manner. I can, howev-

“I can, however, evaluate what West has written”

er, evaluate what West has written and included in his latest album in order to better see if he has really experienced a true conversion.

Jonathan Edwards, in his 1741 work *Distinguishing Marks*, written at the height of the First Great

Awakening, describes five signs to estimate whether someone has really experienced a divine encounter and has become a truly converted follower of Christ.

The first is a higher “esteem” in Jesus, and an intense belief in Jesus’ being the Son of God and savior of humanity. He writes that converts will “incline their affections more towards him.” West certainly expresses this throughout the album. Rather than having a few mentions of Jesus in a song or two every few albums, the entire

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Central American Immigration is Tied to Climate Change



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Aside from their corrupt governments, many Central Americans immigrate to the United States due to the lack of work and safety in their home countries.

Over the past two decades, countries like Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador have been ravaged by the effects of climate change. The greenhouse effect has worsened the force of natural disasters. Scientists around the globe have declared that we have twelve years to prevent climate change from worsening and threatening the lives of millions and some ex-

perts have even speculated that the next eighteen months will be critical in confronting the global crisis.

Central America has already begun to feel the ravaging effects of climate change. In 2018, Honduran farmers faced a crop crisis: their corn and bean fields collapsed for the fifth year in a row. The loss of crop production in Honduras has caused a food crisis in many parts of the country. If nothing is done to combat the agricultural problem, hundreds of families will be forced to seek a home elsewhere; and their only options are either to move to cities, such as San Pedro Sula,

that are overrun by drug gangs and crime, or to emigrate out of the country (NBC).

The loss of forests has diminished the freshwater streams of the country; deforestation also facilitates

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to the rising temperatures. In 2018, 100,000 Honduran families lacked adequate food and water. Climate change has added to the list of threats that Hondurans face.

Honduras is projected to become a climate hotspot (an area that is facing particularly high impact

from climate change and is most vulnerable to its deleterious effects) within the next decade (NBC).

The country has contributed very little to the global greenhouse emissions,

yet it stands as one of the most vulnerable places that will be severely affected by climate change. Agricultural workers are in urgent need of economic support to adjust to the climate’s rapid changes. However, much of the government’s money goes to combating cartels and

other crime issues that the country faces.

Most of the funding that the agriculture industry received came from the United States; however, the Trump administration has stated that the United States will be cutting funding to Honduras and other Central American countries.

What the Trump administration does not understand is that the United States and Central American countries have become interconnected due to centuries of American intervention in the region. American aid and security ensure the stability of the world. Cutting aid to a coun-

try that is in crucial need of it will have a severe impact on the global community, especially immigration to the United States.

Yes, emigration from Central America is fueled by gang activity, extreme economic instability, and corrupt governments. But these things are immensely affected by the degraded environment and climate change.

If the United States wishes to slow down the immigration rate into the country, it will need to stop cutting aid and to work with countries like Honduras to find new ways to adjust to the change of the climate.



Rugby Dominates Division; Narrowly Loses to Charleston

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GUEST WRITER

While many students have been attracted to Hampden-Sydney's football games and tailgates over the course of the fall semester, the wild child of the Hampden-Sydney sports family has quietly achieved phenomenal success. Just a few short weeks ago, the H-SC Club Rugby team successfully dominated their division championship, which was held at Roanoke College. For Hampden-Sydney's first game of the tournament, the Tiger pulled a decisive victory over the Maroons, winning the game 43 to 7. For the championship game of the tournament, the Tigers faced Emory & Henry College, who had beat-

en Hampden-Sydney decisively in the same tournament last year. Against the odds, the Tigers achieved a strong victory over Emory & Henry, crushing their opposition by nearly 30 points. Chase Smith '23 remarked that the championship game was a thoroughly emotional match and that every player had his whole heart in the game to make right Hampden Sydney's loss from last year's tournament. Speaking afterward about the game, Chase remarked that the rugby team, "had something to prove to them, and we did." On a sound foundation of skill, determination, and camaraderie, the Tigers set off from their division championship to play in the regional championship,

which was held in Raleigh, NC. The Rugby team had fought hard to achieve their division championship and were determined to continue their victory at the regional tournament. One element of the team's zeal that could be plainly seen was their daring choice of haircuts in preparation for the big tournament. The haircuts varied in all sorts of shapes and sizes, but the tradition and the camaraderie brought ever greater brotherhood and tenacity to the team. In the first game, the Tigers smoked their opponent,

Widener University, 75-24. The Pennsylvania State University was no match for the Tigers, but competition stiffened on the second day of the tournament. For their next game, Hampden-Sydney played the College of Charleston. Mr. Smith remarked that the Tigers gained an early lead, but that the fierce fight of Charleston was ultimately too much for the Tigers. The College of Charleston edged out Hampden-Sydney by a mere three points, demonstrating how evenly matched the

teams were. Chase recalled that the College of Charleston game was, "the most physical game we've played this season, hands down," adding that, "we gave it our all," in the final game of the tournament. Both teams fought with determination and had earned each other's respect. While the rugby team's determined and confident attitude toward their recent tournaments may take some by surprise, it was fully expected by those who are familiar with the history of the Hampden-Sydney Rugby Club. The club was founded over fifty years ago and practiced off-campus during its early years, demonstrating the determination of the team to

achieve their goals, no matter how difficult. That determination was on exceptional display during their performance at the regional tournament in Raleigh, but Samuel Thompson '23 mentioned that the rugby club has continuously played with skill, determination, and strength throughout the season. Moreover, their dedication to their team's excellence and to the sport is for a cause that is greater than themselves. "We play for Hampden-Sydney, for the people who came before us, for the current team members, and for those who will come after us." Mr. Thompson expressed the rugby club's deep commitment to legacy of the team and its will to succeed against all odds.

"[We] had something to prove to them, and we did."

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Basketball, Continued



will take some time." Overton says that he hopes "to take the conference by storm and make teams dread playing Hampden-Sydney." Weaver added that he "looks forward to a complete turnaround in the team's record and building a family within the team." Kimbrough has been a part of the ODAC conference for many years, as he went to Guilford College

and coached there for six years. Eisele called him an "ODAC product" and said that what he liked about Kimbrough was that "he has been a head coach and has built up a program from scratch before with less support than what he has now at Hampden-Sydney." Eisele also discussed former Hampden-Sydney basketball coach Dee Vick a little bit, saying that he "liked

the ability of Coach Vick to work with the alumni and develop relationships with the alumni. He gave twenty years of his life to Hampden-Sydney as he graduated from

Hampden-Sydney as well and knew the history of the school well." Eisele also talked about the reasoning for the head coach change, saying that "the basketball program was at a

crossroad, and needed to head in a new direction," also saying that "it was a rough time losing 17 games in a row, it is just really, really tough and for a program that has had a lot of pride and success it is even that much harder." Even though the program is struggling there is an abundance of hope and excitement revolving around Kimbrough and what he can bring to the Hamp-

den-Sydney basketball program, to help turn the team around and start racking up wins for this proud school. There may be a lot of pressure on Kimbrough, but he has plenty of support from the students, staff, team, and the school as a whole as he prepares for the upcoming season.

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Off-Campus, Continued

pus way of life.

This is a problem, and as much as I love living on the Hill, off-campus housing must remain an option for students in the future. Living away from campus is a popular option for several reasons, the most practical of which is its cost-effectiveness. While residential options on campus vary, their cost to students is less flexible.

Assuming each student purchases the unlimited meal plan, they can live in a double room for \$13,712 a year, or opt for a single at \$16,058. These are typical costs for American universities, but a student could pay significantly less by splitting rent with multiple roommates for ten months. Three of my fraternity brothers share a house close to campus, and factoring in rent, electricity, and

internet, each individual pays about \$350 per month. This means that over the course of a year, each will spend roughly \$4,200 on their accommodations.

To compare this with the cost of room and board with a meal plan, each estimated that they spend about \$120 per month on groceries, or \$1,200 for the ten months spent there. This brings the approximate total cost of an attractive off-campus option to \$5,400, somewhat over one-third of the cost of a single room on campus. For Hampden-Sydney students for whom cost is a concern, having the option to save \$10,000 by living off-campus for a year could be the determining factor of their continued education on the Hill.

Should the school eradicate this option, it would not only do its

lower-income students a great disservice, but also sacrifice its integrity as an institution. Any school that truly cares for its students—as I know Hampden-Sydney does—bears a responsibility to make available any option

“Hampden-Sydney...bears a responsibility to make available any option which may make education more affordable, within reason.”

which may make education more affordable, within reason. And it is in no way unreasonable to allow off-campus options. After all, the Latin inscribed upon our gates, “come here as boys so you may leave as men,” is an invitation to all, not just to those who can afford the \$52,000 to \$64,000 price of four years of room and board.

Now, let’s put aside the issue of cost. Imagine that you’re 22 years old, well into adulthood. As you consider the imminence of being thrust into the “real world,” you decide that you would like to rent a house during the final year of your education. You want to practice life skills like cooking and housekeeping, and foster habits of responsibility and independence. And why shouldn’t you be able to? You’re 22! You don’t need to be under the supervision of an RA who could very well be three years your junior. Over the course of this school year, my aforemen-

tioned fraternity brothers enjoy the benefits of learning “a new level of responsibility, working with a landlord, and keeping up with recurring payments on time.” They emphasized the importance of learning “the responsibility of cooking food and keeping their own house clean.” Why should a student be denied this opportunity? All in all, they strongly expressed the sentiment that the skills they “learned on their own, while off-campus, will help with the transition into the professional world.” At a school whose mission is the formation of good men and good citizens, it makes sense to give students the opportunity to contribute to that mission themselves by practicing skills necessary for experiencing and navigating adulthood. Should

the school disallow off-campus residence, I am sure I would not be the only one upset. There are significant financial benefits to living off-campus, to the tune of \$10,000 per year. Even if one disregards that fact, there is no reason a 22-year-old, a grown man, shouldn’t be allowed to live more independently as he prepares for life after graduation.

If nothing else, our school should allow off-campus housing in the spirit of our distinctive mission. No Hampden-Sydney man should be denied the opportunity to enrich himself, especially not at an institution so deeply dedicated to the formation of good men and good citizens.



Kanye West, Continued

“Jesus Is King” album, from start to finish, serves to glorify the Christian Messiah. The Prelude, “Every Hour,” features a gospel choir singing the Holy Spirit down upon the rest of the album. Every song after that features lyrics that are all primarily about Christianity and its central figure. He sings in “Closed on Sunday,” “I bow down to the King upon the throne / My life is His, I’m no longer my own.”

Edwards’s second mark of the convert is a new diligence in work against the “interest of Satan’s kingdom.” Further, a genuine conversion to Christianity, according to Edwards, will “lessen men’s esteem of the pleasures, profits, and honours of the world, and to take off their hearts from an eager pursuit after these things.” In a recent interview, West said that “Now that I’m in service to Christ, my job is to spread the Gospel to let people know what Jesus has done for me. You know, I’ve spread a lot of things. There was a time when I was letting you know what high fashion had done for me. I was let-

ting you know what the Hennessey had done for me. I was letting you know all these things. But now I’m letting you know what Jesus has done for me. And in that, I’m no longer a slave. I’m a son now — a son of God. I’m free.”

In “Closed on Sunday,” West sings “King of Kings, Lord of Lords, all the things he has in store / From the rich to the poor, all are welcome through the door / You won’t ever be the same when you call on Jesus’ name / Listen to the words I’m sayin’, Jesus saved me, now I’m sane / And I know, I know God is the force that picked me up.” West is explicitly praising God for “picking him up” and saving him from his old life, turning him “sane.” Kanye also has a seeming certainty in his salvation, singing in “Selah” that “When I get to Heaven’s gates / I ain’t gotta peak over.” In many circles, it is a sign of salvation that one feels certain that one is saved by Christ.

One of the reasons Kanye West’s conversion is so striking is because of his state before it. While he wrote songs

like “Jesus Walks” in 2004, they included lyrics such as: “We ain’t goin’ nowhere, but got suits and cases / A trunk full of coke rental car from Avis / My Mama used to say only Jesus can save us / Well Mama, I know I act a fool / But I’ll be gone ‘til November, I got packs to move, I hope.” His lyricism in “Jesus Is King” is almost unrecognizable: “All the

“West admits that he was ‘wretched’ before being saved by Jesus.”

captives are forgiven / Time to break down all the prisons / Every man, every woman / There is freedom from addiction” (God Is).

As a public figure, West has had his share of uncharitable moments in the spotlight: his interruption of Taylor Swift at the VMA’s in 2009 and his appearance on the cover of Rolling Stone wearing a crown of thorns are still infamous examples of West’s egotism. His lyrics on this newest album, however, indicate a deliberate departure from that mindset.

Rather than point-

ing to himself as the source of his success, West identifies Jesus as his strength in the song “God Is,” singing “Everything that hath breath praise the Lord / Worship Christ with the best of your portions / I know I won’t forget all He’s done / He’s the strength in this race that I run.”

The third and fourth marks of a true convert are that they will have a

He sings about the effect the Bible has had on him, saying that, “I know God is alive, yeah / He has opened up my vision / Giving me a revelation / This ain’t ‘bout a dead religion / Jesus brought a revolution,” in the song “God Is.”

Edward’s fifth and final mark of a converted Christian is “a spirit of love to God and man.” Edwards explains that “love and humility are two things the most contrary to the spirit of the devil, of any thing in the world, for the character of that evil spirit, above all things, consists in pride and malice.” In his transformation from superstar rapper to Christian superstar rapper, West has made this point abundantly clear.

He repeatedly sings about spreading the good news of Jesus, singing in “God Is,” that “Every time I look up, I see God’s faithfulness / And it shows just how much He is miraculous / I can’t keep it to myself, I can’t sit here and be still / Everybody, I will tell ‘til the whole world is healed.” West admits that he was “wretched” before being saved by Jesus: “To

whom the son set free is free indeed / He saved a wretch like me” (Selah).

Singing about the forgiveness of Christ, he writes that, “All the captives are forgiven / Time to break down all the prisons / Every man, every woman / There is freedom from addiction” (God Is).

Kanye’s confidence in his faith makes me more convinced of his conversion.

In my opinion, he has expressed all five of Edward’s marks of a true convert through the lyrics he wrote for “Jesus Is King.” West explains in “On God” how he feels about his experience: “‘How you get so much favor on your side?’ / ‘Accept Him as your Lord and Saviour,’ I replied / Thou shalt love thy neighbor, not divide.”

A strange thought occurred to me as I listened to West’s album again and again on my car ride home last week: I realized that, since we are saved by the same Christ, I will be with Kanye in heaven. With the recent conversion too of superstar Justin Bieber, I am only left to wonder, who is next?

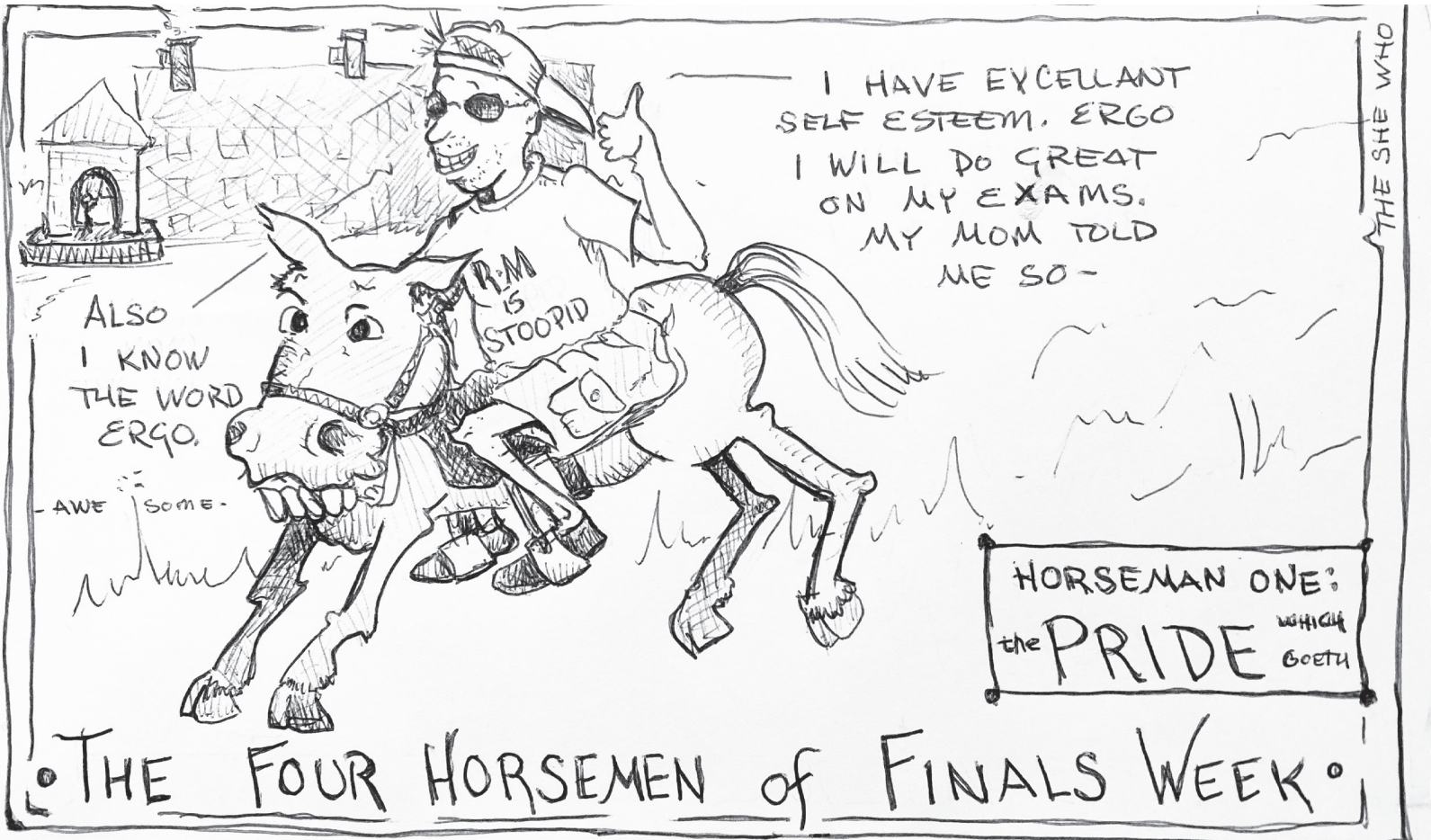
Dorm, Cont.

bugs, ants, wasps, etc. There are bugs everywhere, in the rooms and in the bathrooms; and even in the sinks, people have seen tons of bugs. Josh Baker '21 says one thing he hates is “the inability to control the temperature in the room.”

In the Venable dorm rooms, you have no control over the a/c and heating because either the a/c or heating is turned off and you cannot choose the other one. Zach Branch '23 said that, in the Cushing Dorms, he “had to cover the vents because it got up to 90 degrees in my room.”

Many people enjoy off-campus living a little bit more than on campus. For off-campus, you have your own washer and dryer for the house and your own parking. On-campus, you have to fight for open washers and dryers or travel to other dorms to do your laundry. The parking is a big complaint on campus. Many, such as Baker, say that “there [are] not enough places for students to park and too [many] for the staff.”

The whole first row behind the Venable Dorm is reserved for staff; staff-only parking behind a student dorm frustrates students. Many say it is very sad when they see how nice the dorms at Longwood are and compare them to Hampden-Sydney. Something needs to change, and improvements need to be made. Hopefully, the new dorm being built is a step in the right direction; but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done.



Walls

There was once a great kingdom that held two major factions. One which believed that walls should be built in every corner of society, to protect against change and outside influences.

And another, which believed that no walls should be built at all, and that everyone should be able to roam free through open pastures.

The Wall-Builders lived in stone huts, with high walls surrounding their gardens and towns. The No-Wallers lived in open huts and had sprawling towns with no borders. The two factions lived together peacefully for some time, with nothing more than a few minor disputes between them.

But eventually, the divide in the kingdom grew and all the Wall-Builders moved to the east, while all the No-Wallers moved to the west.

After a while, the walls in the east were built higher and higher, and structures that had stood for thousands of years were felled in the west. Each side would levy false claims against the other, which served not to sway the opposing peoples, but only to bolster the hatred of each faction for the other.

One winter, with no walls to protect them from cold winds, all the No-Wallers froze and died. By this time, the Wall-Builders had built so many walls that they could no longer move, and so starved.

So it was that a thousand years later, an explorer remarked on the ruins of this once great kingdom: “These two peoples failed to realize that they were not so different after all, and that walls and open fields both have their place.”

-Simen Lith

Recycling, Cont.

Cheat Codes, Cont.

possibly see this idea come into fruition.

While the program is currently only implemented in academic buildings, the long-range goal is to include residence halls and administrative buildings in this program as well.

While it may not happen this semester, the hope is to reach this goal in the spring semester; hopefully, no later than this time next year. As some of the buildings on campus are larger not only in size but also more commonly used, it only makes sense that students should expect to see multiple recycling bins appearing in certain buildings to handle the volume of recycling.

11. Meet with Your Advisor – Even if it’s for the first time this semester, your advisor might want to know if you’re still alive, at the very least.
12. Bring Plenty of Bribes to Your Exams – Professors tend to like all sorts of chocolates or candies, but gift cards work too if you’re just not sure. What I have found in my own personal experience, however, is that most professors will give you a good grade if you bribe them with a good exam. In fact, I have yet to meet a single professor who won’t give you a good grade if you hand them an exam with the correct answers on it.
13. Visit College Church – Divine aid does not count as cheating (The Key pg. 731), and I will certainly take all the help I can get.



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